

AN ACT

relating to the use of certain language regarding a person who is deaf or hard of hearing in statutes or resolutions.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 392.002, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

(b-1) In addition to the terms and phrases listed in Subsection (a), the legislature and the Texas Legislative Council are directed to avoid using in any new statute or resolution "hearing impaired," "auditory impairment," and "speech impaired" in reference to a deaf or hard of hearing person, and the legislature and the Texas Legislative Council are directed to replace, when enacting or revising a statute or resolution, those phrases with "deaf" or "hard of hearing," as appropriate.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

S.B. No. 281

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 281 passed the Senate on April 17, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 281 passed the House on May 14, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 130, Nays 7, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor